Lord's Prayer

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To the Christiã reader.

Propter, laborem inopũ, et gemitum pauperum, nunc exurgã dicit dominus. Sure lye euen nowe in great scarsitie lack and dearth of meate, drincke, clothing, and all other necessaries, the sorowful sighes of the poore and nedye, muste either sinke into the riche mennes hartes, and from theim procure relyue, and comforte, vnto the nedye members of Christes bodye: or els directlye ascende vnto the throne of Goddes Justice, and from thence bryng downe indignacyon and vengeaunce, to destroye wycked worldelings, which being thẽ selfs in welth and aboundaunce, fele no gryefe of their brothers distresse and misery. Psal. xii.

¶ But if any man, euery weke wil be content, to spare one meale of him self, & bestowe the price of that meale in Charitable Almose to relyue the poore, and the time of the same in godly meditacion and prayer, to dispose his owne mynde deuoutly: then shal

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of suche feele and taste, both of poore mennes honger, and of Godly comfort in abstinence and praier, yea, and many poore be much relyued, and no rich man any thynge charged, and so thereby Goddes vengaunce auoided and Gods grace procured, when as fastyng and praier doeth plucke out of mennes hartes couetousnes which is the roote of all euil and the cause of all calamities that nowe dooe trouble, greue, and daunger al men.

This meditacion therfore of the Lordes praier, shall be good comfortable spirituall fode, in that tyme of bodily abstinence.

A medytacyon vpon the Lordes prayer.

Our father whyche arte in heauen. We (gloriously formed vnto the Image of thy deuyne Maiestye, created by thy gracyous goodnes vnto highest honor, howbeit, by our owne sinfulnes disfigured wyth vilenes deseruinge dampnacion, and yet by Christes death restored vnto grace, to be citezés wyth sayncte of the family of God) nowe all together in Christen vnite, as members of one bodye, wyth thys one voyce, for the manifolde miseries of euery member, and worthy merites

tes of Chryst our heade, praye, desire, and truste, to obtaine of the our heauenly father, accordyng vnto thy gracious goodnes, mighty power, and faythfull promes, vnto vs that aske aboundaunce of thy grace.

i. **That thy name maie bee halowed.** That thy diuine power and glorious Maiestie, may be certainly knowē & reuerently honored. That ꝯ hartes of vs men, by thy word and prayer, maie be sanctified frō worldly vanyties & fleshly lustes, so that wee wyth all that we haue, seruynge the in holines & righteousnes, maye shine so afore menne vpon the earthe, that they thereby maye be occasyoned, to honour, and

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glorify the, our father in heue

Thy kingdome come.

Thy word be so frutefully Pre
ched vnto vs thy people, that
we may be throughly instruc=
ted and taught, to bridle oure
sensuall appetyte by naturall
reason, and submit our wyttie
reason vnto a Godlye spirite,
and try our spirits by the true
Scryptures, so that within vs
may reygne the kyngdome of
God, whiche is neither meate
nor dryncke, but righteousnes,
peace, and comfort in the holy
Ghoste, by the which we nowe
tastyng of thy heauenly ioyes,
may be made from henceforth
wery of all worldly vanytyes,
continually wishyng and lo=
kyng for the spedy apperance

and commynge of thy eternal and euerlastynge kyngdome.

iii. Thy Wil be done in earth as it is in heauen. In heauen the Angelles of reuerent loue, dooe thy wyll and commaundemet, wyth comfortable courage, and ioyful plesure: in hell the wicked spirits throughe malyce and enuie, repinyng and grudging, do torment and vexe the selfes, what soeuer they be doing: and vpō earth we men beynge subiectes vnto syn, do thynke it a labor & paine, to be occupied in anything that is good and godly. Wherefore we praye that the grace of thy heauenly Spirit may so worcke in our earthlye bodies, that our myndes maie be

be delyuered from synne and vanity, frely to delite and take plesure in Godlines and vertue, so that we with a cõfortable courage, maye synd delite and plesure to dooe thy commaundement and wil, beynge men vpon earth, as the glorious company of Angelics do which be in heauen.

¶ Geue vs this day our daily bread. We beynge in great nede, and not able of our selfes to deserue any thing, be seeche thy Fatherlye goodnes of thy bounteous liberalite, to geue frely vnto vs al in generally, so that none be hurte or hyndered seuerally, this daye when as we crie, constrained by present nede, not craftely cry-

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lyng for vayn care against to morowe, our dayly bread, oure daily and necessary foode and relyue, both bodily and gostly and especyally the Spiritual fode of Chrystes flesh and his bloude, by dayly Preachyng of the Gospell, and ministracion of the Sacramentes, to replenysshe, refreshe, and renue oure hartes & myndes, with the comfortable remembraunce of Chrystes death and his passion daily to be vsed for necessary and spiritual consolacion.

v. Forgeue vs our trespasses, as Wee forgeue theym that trespasse agaynste vs. Geue vnto vs that felyng and knowyng our owne synfulnes, doo nede and

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desire thy mercyfull forgeue
nes of oure trespaces and fau=
tes, whych we haue committed
against thy deuine Maiesty, so
that we frely forgeuinge other
that haue offended vs in anye
thyng whatsoeuer it be, maye
be sure that mercy springynge
in the, hath proceded vnto vs
beyng graciously offred of the
hath bene thankfully receiued
of vs, and being charitably v=
sed of vs towardes other shal
most certaynlye be confirmed
and enlarged of the towardes
vs, and so finally, by gracious
mercye springinge and proce=
dyng from the, all fautes and
trespasses shalbe freely forge
uen, euen as those which other
haue committed agaynste vs,
so likewise those that we haue
done

done agaynste the.

vi. And leade vs not into temptacion. And suffer not the deuil, by thabule of thy benetytes, to leade vs captiue into deceytefull and dampnable temptacō, drawing vs by deinteth meates vnto gredye glottony, by money and riches vnto vnsaciable couetousnes. and by welth and prosperytye vnto pryde and vayneglorye, and by all thy godlye gracyous giftes, vnto euerye dyuelyshe abhomynable synne.

vii. But delyuer vs from all euyll. Deliuer our goodes frō abuse, oure bodyes frō corruption, our Soules from dampnacion, yea, deliuer vs by Christe, frō the bondage of synne,

synne, vnto the libertye of the Gospel, so that without daunger of dyuelyshe temptacion drayuyng vnto euerlastyng dãnacion we maye serue thee in holines and righteousnesse al the dayes of oure lyues, wyth most certain and comfortable hope, of euerlastynge like and saluacion, through Christ Jesu in whom our hope and thy promes is moste certain, that is to say. Ame. SOBEIT.

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